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GOLDSBOROUGH, N C., Oct. 23d, 1878.

The Synod of North Carolina met according to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church of Goldsborough, N. C., Wednesday, October 23d, 1878, at 8 P. M.

The opening sermon was preached by the Moderator, the Rev. John Douglas, from Acts viii:35: "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus."

The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Stated Clerk having deceased since the last meeting of the Synod, and the Rev. F. H. Johnson, to whose hands the books and papers were entrusted, being absent, the Moderator appointed the Rev L. C Vass to act as Stated Clerk.

The Roll of Ministers and Churches was then called.

The following members were present during the Sessions of the Synod:

[NOTE.—The figure after a name denotes the day on which a member took his seat.]

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.—MINISTERS.

Joseph M. Atkinson,	James H. Fitzgerald,	P. R. Law,
J. H. Smith, D. D.,	H. T. Darnall,	Jno. S. Watkins,
L. C. Vass,	J. M. Anderson,	F. H. Johnston (2),
Robert Burwell,	S. M. Smith,	Chas. Phillips, D. D. (2)

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.—MINISTERS.

R. B. Anderson, P. T. Penick, J. M. Wharey,
R. W. Boyd, J. A. Ramsay, P. P. Winn,
L. McKinnon, J. Rumple, W. A. Wood. (2)

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.—MINISTERS.

Hector McLean, Martin McQueen, Wm. S. Lacy,
J. P. McPherson, Joseph Evans, D. A. McRae,
H. G. Hill. (2)

PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.—MINISTERS.

D. B. Black, S. H. Isler, C. M. Payne,
Colin Shaw, A. McFadyen, G. W. McMillan,
James M. Sprunt, D.D. A. Kirkland, K. McDonald,
B. F. Marable, J. R. Wilson, D. D., H. B. Garriss.
R. H. Chapman, D. D.

PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.—MINISTERS.

John Douglas, Walter W. Pharr, E. H. Harding,
Wm. McDonald.

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.—RULING ELDERS.

D. F. Morrow, Bethlehem and Melaneville,
J. H. Lindsay, Greensborough,
Dr. Farquhard Smith, Oakland,
George Allen, (2) Newbern,
A. M. McPheeters, (2) Raleigh, 1st,
Thomas Sparrow, (2) Washington,
Dr. A. R. Ledoux, (2) Chapel Hill,

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.—RULING ELDERS.

S. C. Rankin, Back Creek and Thyatira,
A. M. McNinch, Concord Town,
Dr. J. J. Summerell, Salisbury.
E. M. Stevenson, Taylorsville,
S. W. Stimson, (2) Statesville,
J. C. Barnhardt, (2) Rocky River.

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.—RULING ELDERS.

D. C. Blue, Bethesda,
W. J. Smith, Bluff,
Dr. John McIver, Buffalo and Euphronia,
M. E. Dye, (2) Fayetteville,
A. McMillan, Philadelphus and Antioch,
A. M. McKinnon, (2) Laurinburgh.

PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.—RULING ELDERS.

W. J. Boney, Pike and Rockfish,
J. B. Carr, Grove and Union,
J. W. Gulick, Goldsborough,
W. J. Cromartie, South River Chapel,
Dr. L. W. Robinson, Oak Plain,
Wm. A. Faison, Spring Vale,
John McLaurin, Wilmington, 1st,
Alex. Sprunt, Wilmington, 2nd,
R. W. Collins, Keith.

PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.—RULING ELDER.

A. G. Reid, Matthews.

The following Ministers were absent:

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

Geo. W. Ferrill,	Drury Lacy, D. D.,	J. W. Primrose,
Edward Hines,	Jas. C. Alexander,	Wm. A. Shaw,
A. Currie,	C. N. Morrow,	C. Miller,
T. U. Faucette,	C. H. Wiley,	T. J. Allison,
P. H. Dalton,	W. B. Tidball,	J. L. Currie,
D. E. Jordan,	H. B. Pratt,	Wm. R. Atkinson,
Roger Martin.		

PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

J. H. Colton,	L. K. Glasgow,	T. N. Paxton,
A. L. Crawford,	A. D. Hepburn, D. D.,	Wm. W. Phart,
John W. Davis,	T. P. Johnston,	E. F. Rockwell,
G. M. Gibbs,	Daniel Lindley,	J. H. Thornwell,
T. G. Thurston.		

PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

Neill McKay, D. D.,	C. M. Shepperson, D. D.,	D. D. McBryde,
A. McMillan,	A. McQueen,	James McQueen,
John H. Coble,	David Fairley,	A. N. Ferguson,
K. M. McIntyre,	N. T. Bowden.	

PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.

James Kelly,	N. Z. Graves.

PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.

R. H. Morrison, D. D.,	Wm. B. Corbett,	J. F. Latimer,
J. E. Morrison,	D. T. Towles,	Wm. H. Davis,
J. D. Hall,	G. D. Parks,	Wm. E. McIlwaine,
Wm. N. Morrison,	S. T. Martin,	S. H. Chester,
L. R. McAboy, D. D.,	S. C. Alexander,	G. S. Robinson,
Wm. Graves,	R. Z. Johnston,	R. A. Miller,
A. W. Miller, D. D.,	J. J. Kennedy,	Wm. M. McGilvary,
G. L. Cook·	J. P. Gammon,	M. R. Kirkpatrick.

The Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., of the Presbytery of Wilmington, was elected Moderator; and the Rev. William S. Lacy, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and Ruling Elder Dr. L. W. Robinson, of the Presbytery of Wilmington, were elected Temporary Clerks.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Session was, on motion, dispensed with.

The following Ministers gave satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of the Synod:

Robert Burwell, Joseph Evans, A. N. Ferguson, Colin Shaw, J. M. Sprunt, D. D.; S. H. Isler, G. W. McMillan, H. B. Garriss and Wm. McDonald.

Letters assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting of Synod were received from the following members of the Synod: R. Z. Johnston, James H. Colton, R. A. Miller, F. H. Johnston, Wm. E. McIlwaine, E. F. Rockwell, Drury Lacy, D. D., J. J. Kennedy, Thos. N. Paxton, A. N. Ferguson, Edward Hines, P. H. Dalton, Wm. W. Pharr, John W. Primrose, J. C. Alexander, A. Currie, and J. L. Currie, and also Ruling Elder J. T. Finley, delegate of the Wilkesboro' Church.

The roll of the unexcused absentees at the closing roll-call of the last meeting of Synod was called and the excuses of the Rev. J. A. Ramsay and Ruling Elder J. K. Graham were sustained.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1.—*On Bills and Overtures.*—John Douglas, J. Rumple, Jno. S. Watkins, Hector McLean, W. J. Boney, A. McMillan, F. Smith.

2.—*Judicial Committee.*—J. P. McPherson, Colin Shaw, W. W. Pharr, A. G. Reid, W. J. Cromartie.

3.—*On the Records of Orange Presbytery.*—Joseph Evans, A. McFadyen, Jno. McIver.

4.—*On the Records of Concord Presbytery* —M. McQueen, Wm. McDonald, J. W. Gulick.

5.—*On the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery.*—H. T. Darnall, G. W. McMillan, A. M. McNinch.

6.—*On the Records of Wilmington Presbytery.*—Samuel M. Smith, Robert Burwell, J. H. Lindsay.

7.—*On the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery.*—J. M. Wharey, J. A. Ramsay, J. B. Carr.

8.—*To Prepare an Address to the Churches on the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod.*—J. H. Smith, D. D., A. Kirkland, K. McDonald, D. A. McRae, R. W. Collins.

9.—*On Devotional Exercises.*—B. F. Marable, James H. Fitzgerald, P. P. Winn.

10.—*On the Treasurer's Books.*—Alex. Sprunt, L. W. Robinson, D. F. Morrow.

11.—*On the Minutes of the General Assembly.*—S. H. Isler, E. H. Harding, John McLaurin.

12.—*On Union Theological Seminary.*—C. M. Payne, Joseph M. Atkinson, P. T. Penick, R. B. Anderson, R. W. Boyd, E. M. Stevenson.

13.—*On Report of the Trustees of Synod.*—James M. Sprunt, D. D., L. C. Vass, D. B. Black, J. J. Summerell, W. J. Smith.

14.—*On Leave of Absence.*—J. M. Anderson, P. R. Law, R. W. Collins.

15.—*On Statistical Reports of Presbyteries.*—L. McKinnon, R. H. Chapman, D. D., H. B. Garriss, Wm. A. Faison, D. C. Blue.

The Moderator announced as the next item of business, the election of a Stated Clerk, the office being made vacant by the death of the Rev. Jacob Doll. The Rev. William S. Lacy, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, was elected Stated Clerk of Synod. The Rev. A. McFadyen was then chosen Temporary Clerk.

The Moderator announced the names of the following deceased Ministers since last meeting of the Synod:

Rev. Jacob Doll, for nearly twenty years the Stated Clerk of Synod; Rev. H. H. Banks, Rev. Wm. G. Baird, and Rev. Archibald Baker.

The Synod then engaged in solemn prayer to Almighty God, the devotions of the Synod being led by the Rev. Walter W. Pharr.

After remarks by the members of the Synod, touching the brethren deceased, the Moderator appointed the following Committees to prepare suitable Minutes, expressive of the feelings of Synod:

1.—*To Prepare a Minute Concerning the Death of Rev. Jacob Doll.*—J. H. Smith, D. D., J. Rumple, Walter W. Pharr, John McLaurin and J. H. Lindsay.

2.—*On the Death of Rev. H. H. Banks.*—R. H. Chapman, D. D., E. H. Harding and A. G. Reid.

3.—*On the Death of Rev. Wm. G. Baird.*—H. T. Darnall, P. P. Winn and J. H. Lindsay.

4.—*On the Death of Rev. Archibald Baker.*—M. McQueen, H. McLean and John McIver.

The Rev. J. McA. Rose, of the Synod of Virginia, the Rev. J. T. Bagwell, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Rev. F. H. Ivey and Rev. F. M. Jordan, of the Baptist Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members of the Synod.

Statistical Reports from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod were called for, received, read and referred to the Committee on Statistical Reports. They are as follows:

ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Orange report to the Synod of North Carolina that they consist of 31 Ministers, and have under their care 56 Churches, 3 Licentiates, and 5 Candidates. That on the 13th day of November, 1877, they ordained Patrick R. Law, licentiate, to the full work of the ministry as an Evangelist; that on the 2nd day of December, they installed Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson Pastor of the Second Church of Raleigh; that on the 22d day of March, 1878, they lost by death Rev. Wm. G. Baird; that on the 25th day of April, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. A Currie and Graham Church; that on the 27th day of April, they lost by death Rev. Jacob Doll; that on the 29th day of April, they licensed as probationers Benjamin Watkins Mebane, Richard S. Burwell, and Boswell B. Balmer, (colored); that on the same day they re-appointed Rev. Messrs. John W. Primrose and P. R. Law to be Evangelists for the Presbytery; that on the 31st day of May they licensed David Irvin Craig as a probationer; that on the 8th day of June they installed Rev. James L. Currie Pastor of Little River Church; that on the 3d day of October they dismissed Rich'd S. Burwell, licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Central Texas; that on the same day they received from the Pres-

bytery of Roanoke, Rev. John S. Watkins; and that their next stated meeting will be held at Eno Church, at 12 o'clock M., on Wednesday, before the Fourth (4th) Sabbath of April, 1879.

F. H. JOHNSTON,

Stated Clerk.

CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina that they comprise 22 Ministers and 35 Churches, and have under their care 2 Licentiates and 7 Candidates; that on the 25th of October, 1877, they dismissed Rev. A. E. Chandler to the Presbytery of Macon, Georgia; that on the same day they transferred Robert D. Stimson, licentiate, to the care of East Hanover Presbytery, Virginia; that on the 7th day of March, 1878, they dismissed Rev. B. L. Beall to North Texas Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; that on the 18th day of April, 1878, they transferred W. R. McLelland, licentiate, to the care of Eastern Texas Presbytery; that on the 19th day of April, 1878, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. H. Thornwell and the Poplar Tent Church and declared it vacant; that on the 20th day of April, 1878, they changed the name of Gibbs' Mission Church to Hickory; that on the 28th day of September, 1878, they elected Rev. J. H. Thornwell as an Evangelist, to labor in Stanly county; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. R. W. Boyd and the Third Creek Church, and declared said Church vacant; and that they will hold their next semi-annual meeting at Bethel Church, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of April, 1879, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

WILLIAM W. PHARR,

Stated Clerk.

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that, at present, they consist of 18 Ministers, and have under their care 48 Churches, and 2 Candidates for the Gospel Ministry; that on the 25th day of April, 1878, they received by letter from the Presbytery of Louisiana, Rev. C. M. Shepperson, D.D.; that on the same day they dissolved the Church of Mizpah; that on the 22d day of June, 1878, they installed Rev. David Fairley Pastor of the Church of the Covenant; that on the 30th day of June, 1878, they ordained, *sine titulo*, licentiate David A. McRae to the full work of the Gospel Ministry; that on the 2nd day of October, 1878, they lost by death, and very suddenly, Rev. Archibald Baker; and that the next

stated meeting of Presbytery will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Moore County, N. C., on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in April, 1879, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Respectfully submitted, by order of Presbytery.

J. P. McPHERSON,

Stated Clerk.

Smyrna Church, October 5th, 1878.

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina that they number 15 Ministers and have under their care 32 Churches and 2 Licentiates; that on the 26th day of April, 1878, they licensed Mr. Alex Sprunt, Jr., as a probationer; that on the 23d day of October, instant, they dismissed him, at his own request, to the care of the Presbytery of Winchester; that on the same day they received Rev. R. H. Chapman, D. D., from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, and dismissed from their care Mr. W. H. Darden, a candidate for the ministry, commending him to the care of the Presbytery of San Francisco; and that their next Stated Meeting will be held in Wilmington on Wednesday before the 1st Sabbath in April next, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

By order of the Presbytery.

JAMES M. SPRUNT,

Stated Clerk.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg report to the Synod of North Carolina.

1st. That they consist of 28 Ministers and 46 Churches, and have under their care 2 Licentiates and 5 Candidates.

2d. On the 1st of June, 1878, Presbytery ordained Wm. M. McGilvary.

3d. On the 19th of April, Rev. J. P. Gammon was received from Holston Presbytery, and installed Pastor of the Asheville Church on the 21st of September, 1878. Rev. W. M. McGilvary was installed Pastor of Rutherfordton and Little Brittain Churches on the 1st of June, 1878. Rev. R. A. Miller was installed Pastor of Wadesboro Church on the 8th of June, 1878.

4th. Rev. G. L. Cook, of Lexington Presbytery, and Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick, of the Presbytery of East Alabama were received on the 20th of September, 1878. Rev. Robert Hett Chapman, D. D., was dis-

missed to the Presbytery of Wilmington on the 21st of September, 1878.

5th. Rev. H. H. Banks died August 9th, 1878.

6th. The next regular meeting will be at Castania Grove Church, Friday (11 A. M.) before the 4th Sunday in April, 1879.

Sept. 21st, 1878.

Attest:

R. Z. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Narratives of the State of Religion from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod were presented, read and referred to the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Churches.

The Report of the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary was read and referred to the Committee on Union Theological Seminary, and is printed in the Appendix to these Minutes. (See Appendix, Paper A.)

The nomination of persons to fill vacancies in the Board from the Synod was referred to the same Committee.

Reports on Systematic Beneficence from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod were received and read, and ordered to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes. (See Appendix, Paper B.)

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a report concerning the hours of meeting of Synod, which was adopted, and is as follows:

That the Synod meet daily at 9 A. M.; take recess at 12½ P. M., spending an half hour before recess in devotional exercises; resume business at 3 P. M., and adjourn at will.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Synod was read and referred, with Books and Vouchers, to the Committee on the Treasurer's Books, and is published in the Appendix to these Minutes. (See Appendix, Paper C.

A Paper from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, touching the assessment of Synod, was read and referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Books.

It was made the first order of the day for Friday, to hear the Report of the Agent of Sustentation.

It was made the second order of the day for Friday to hear the Report of the Agent of Education.

It was made the third order of the day for Friday to hear the Report of the Agent of Publication.

It was made the fourth order of the day for Friday to hear the Report of the Agent of Sabbath Schools.

It was made the order of the day for Friday afternoon to hear concerning the interests of Davidson College.

It was made the order of the day for Friday evening, after public worship, to hear the Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions.

One thousand copies of the Minutes of this Meeting of Synod were ordered to be printed.

It was made the first order of the day for Saturday to hear the Report of the Special Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod to inquire: "As to what can be done to promote the greater efficiency of Evangelistic Work in our bounds."

The Rev. F. H. Johnston and Ruling Elders George Allen, A. M. McKinnon and A. M. McPheeters appeared in Synod and gave satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

Synod then took a recess until 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod met and resumed business.

The Rev. W. A. Wood, and Ruling Elders Thomas Sparrow and S. W. Stimson appeared in Synod and gave satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The Rev. Mr. Watkins of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member of the Synod.

Statesville, N. C., was chosen as the place, and Wednesday, October 22d, 1879, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., was chosen as the time for the next meeting of Synod.

The Rev. H. G. Hill and Ruling Elder M. E. Dye appeared in Synod and rendered satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The Synod then heard Mr. John McLaurin, Editor of the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, in behalf of that paper. After remarks by the members of Synod, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with great pleasure the editor of the *North Carolina Presbyterian*.

Resolved, That this Synod, appreciating the usefulness of the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, as a means of bringing to our people the freshest news from our Synod, and of publishing the various deliverances of our Presbyteries and of the Synod, and likewise as a religious journal, heartily commends it to the support and patronage of our people.

The Rev. Chas. Phillips, D. D., and Ruling Elders Dr. A. R. Ledoux and J. C. Barnhardt appeared in Synod and gave satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The Rev. Dr. Sanford W. Roe, of New Jersey, of the Reformed Church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member of Synod.

The Committee on the Records of Wilmington Presbytery, made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of Wilmington Presbytery would respectfully report that duty performed, and recommend that the Minutes be approved, so far as written.

A resolution concerning the desecration of the Sabbath by Railroad Companies, asking Synod to take some action thereupon, was read and after some discussion was referred to a Committee to consider and report at this meeting of Synod, suggesting such action as might be appropriate.

The Moderator appointed under this action the following Committee, viz: E. H. Harding, L. McKinnon, R. B. Anderson, J. J. Summerell and A. M. McPheeters.

Report of the Trustees of Synod was received, read and referred to the Committee on that subject, and is printed in the appendix to these minutes. (See Appendix, Paper D.)

A Paper from the ladies of Hendersonville Church was laid before Synod, and referred to the Agent of Sustentation, to report what action it becomes the Synod to take.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M., and was closed with prayer by the Rev. Joseph Evans.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, October 25th, 1878.

MORNING SESSION.

Synod met at 9 A. M., and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

The Committee on the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery respectfully report that they have duly examined the same, find them correctly kept, and recommend their approval.

The Agent of Publication made his report, which was received and approved, and the resolutions appended thereto were adopted and are as follows:

Resolved, That all our Presbyteries be urged to enter upon the work of Colportage, and to prosecute it with vigour to the fullest extent of their means and opportunities.

Resolved 2. That in the selection of Sabbath-school literature, the preference should be given to the publications of our own Committee by our Ministers and Churches, and officers of Sabbath-schools and heads of families.

And reiterating the action of the last Synod:

Resolved, That the cause of Publication commends itself to the intelligent appreciation and generous support of all our Churches, and they are hereby earnestly admonished to remember it by their contributions when the time comes; and our Ministers and Sessions, likewise to see to it that their respective congregations are afforded the opportunity of contributing to this cause.

The Committee to whom were referred the Report of the Treasurer, with Book and Vouchers and the Paper of Mecklenburg Presbytery, made report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

We have examined the Report of the Treasurer of the Synod of North Carolina and the Treasurer's Book, and find the account correct with vouchers for disbursements. Balance in Treasurer's hands, $74.52.

We desire to state further that to meet the Treasurer's liabilities for the Synod, an assessment amounting to one-half of that hitherto assessed will be sufficient. But it will be imperatively necessary that the assessments of 1876 and 1877, amounting to $150, due by the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, and the assessment of $37.50 for 1878 be paid as soon as possible to the Treasurer, and that he grant to the Presbytery of Wilmington a receipt for assessment due by it for 1878 and 1879, or refund to the Treasurer of that Presbytery the sum of $25.

The first order of the day was called, and the Agent of Sustentation made his report, which was received and approved. The following resolution appended thereto was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod recommend to the Churches under its care that they take steps, at an early day, to provide a Manse, if destitute of one, for each pastoral charge, and that they continue their efforts until the object is attained.

The Rev. Mr. Wright, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member of the Synod.

The second order of the day was announced, and the Agent of Education made his report which was received and approved, and the following resolution appended thereto was adopted.

Resolved, That this Synod recommend to all our Churches the observance of the "Concert of Prayer" on the last Thursday of February, for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the youth of our Churches, and on all institutions of learning.

On motion, a Committee was raised, to report at this meeting of Synod, concerning the education of a colored ministry.

The Moderator appointed as the Committee, H. G. Hill, L. McKinnon and B. F. Marable.

The third order of the day, to-wit: the Report of the Agent of Publication, having been already disposed of, the Synod passed to the fourth order of the day, and the Agent of Sabbath Schools made his report, which was received and approved, and the recommendations added were adopted. They are as follows:

1. That Synod call the special attention of Presbyteries to the action of the last General Assembly about Sabbath Schools. (See pages, 608, 650 and 651, of 1878).

2. That Synod re-affirm the resolutions adopted last year. (1877.)

3. That Synod emphasize the importance of causing all the children in our Schools, from their earliest years to commit portions of the Bible to memory.

On motion, the Report of the Agent of Sabbath Schools was ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes (See Appendix, Paper E).

The Rev. Mr. Gannon, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member of Synod.

The Agent of Sustentation to whom was referred the Memorial of the Ladies of Hendersonville Church, that he might suggest to the Synod appropriate action, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That Synod sympathises deeply with the struggles of this feeble Church and with the efforts its members are now making to provide a parsonage, and that it cordially commends the enterprise in which they are engaged, to the christian liberality of our churches and people.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to send a copy of this resolution to the officers of this church.

The Committee on Statistical Reports reported nothing in the Reports from the Presbyteries calling for further action by the Synod, and submitted the following Statistical Report of the Synod of North Carolina to the Gen-

eral Assembly, which was accepted and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES:

The Synod of North Carolina respectfully reports to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that it consists of five Presbyteries, and that these Presbyteries consist in whole of 114 Ministers, having under their care 217 Churches, 9 licentiates and 19 candidates, viz:

PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Churches.	Licentiates.	Candidates.
Orange	31	56	3	5
Concord	22	35	2	7
Fayetteville	18	48	...	2
Wilmington	15	32	2	...
Mecklenburg	28	46	2	5
Total	114	217	9	19

The Synod further reports that its next Stated Meeting will be held in Statesville, N. C., on Wednesday, October 22d, 1879, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

By order of the Synod.

WM. S. LACY,
Stated Clerk.

On motion, it was ordered that the Treasurer be instructed to pay to the Executor of the Rev. Jacob Doll and to Rev. F. H. Johnston, the sums due them respectively for services during the past year as Stated Clerks of the Synod.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made a report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly report that they have examined them, and find nothing in them requiring any action by this body.

We beg leave to call the attention of the Synod to the following items of interest in them:

1. As to the manner in which overtures, complaints, appeals, etc., are to be carried from Presbytery to the Assembly. (Page 610.)

2. The action of the Assembly in regard to the violation of the Sabbath day, by Railroad Corporations, etc. (Pages 641-643.))

3. The condemnation of "Lay Evangelism," (page 625), and the condemnation of the Synod of Texas for encouraging and endorsing it Pages 653-654.)

It was made the second order of the day for Saturday, to hear the reports of the several committees appointed to prepare Minutes touching the death of members of this body, deceased since the last meeting of Synod.

At 12 M., the Synod, according to its order, spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator. After which, Synod took recess until 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod met and resumed business.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had been committed to them, and asked to be discharged.

The report was accepted and the request granted.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the interests of Davidson College were presented to the Synod in addresses by several members of the body.

The Rev. James K. Hazen, of the Synod of Alabama, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member of the Synod.

The Committee appointed to review the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, made a report which was received and discussed.

Pending discussion, the Synod took order to hear the Rev. James K. Hazen, the General Assembly's Secretary of Publication, concerning the cause of Publication, this evening after divine worship.

It was then made the third order of the day for Saturday, to hear the Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions.

Synod then took recess until after public worship this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

Synod met after public worship, and resumed business.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Rev. J. K. Hazen addressed the Synod concerning the interests of the cause of Publication.

Synod then adjourned until to-morrow at 9 A M.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, October 26th, 1878.

MORNING SESSION.

Synod met at 9 A. M., and was opened with prayer by the Rev. M. McQueen.

The minutes of the third day's sessions were read, corrected and approved.

The Committee appointed to prepare an address to the Churches on the State of Religion in the bounds of the Synod, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted. It was further ordered that the address be read, on a day of public worship, to the Churches, by the Pastors and Stated Supplies, and that a copy be forwarded to the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, with a request for publication.

The report is as follows :

ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES.

Dearly Beloved: In our annual meeting we have listened to the Narratives on the State of Religion that have come up from the five Presbyteries which constitute the Synod of North Carolina. We are glad and thankful to say to you that notwithstanding the peculiar and continued money pressure, the progress of the cause of Christ is decidedly encouraging. Quite a large number of the churches in the Synod report a gratifying increase of religious interest, and displays of God's grace in the conversion of sinners. The hearts of many of our

ministers and Christian people have been cheered by the tokens of the presence and power of the Divine Spirit, blessing the truth, gladdening the Christian heart and bringing sinners to Christ and eternal life. From a larger number of churches than usual; and in all the Presbyteries there have been powerful awakenings and extensive revivals of religion, and an unusual number have been brought into the communion and fellowship of the church, some 10, 20, 30, 40, 70, and in one as high as 105.

As a general thing, too, the congregations are steadily increasing in the number that attend, and there seems to be a growing interest in the word of God and spiritual things. Peace and harmony prevail throughout our bounds. The various forms or channels of Christian activity and spiritual life, such as prayer-meetings, Sabbath Schools, contributions to benevolent objects, ladies' aid societies, &c, are maintained, more or less, in many of our churches, with different degrees of zeal and success. Our Sabbath Schools, specially, are growing in numbers and in interest. All the items above named, and specially the meetings for prayer and female organization in the different congregations whenever expedient, we earnestly commend. We press, with special emphasis, the religious training of the young in our families. We are not as faithful and careful in this as we used to be.

The subject of greatest discouragement as a church is the widening field of evangelistic labour in various parts of the State, and the small extent to which, from want of funds, we can occupy it. We press this cause upon every member of the Church. The coloured population in some parts are expressing a desire for separate preaching and help, and we are at a loss to know how best to meet the call; but wisdom and grace and a greater consecration of our worldly means are demanded to discharge the duties that God, in His providence and grace, opens before us and around us.

There are three great and growing evils in the land, against which we would lift up a voice of earnest and solemn warning to every church and every community; *drunkenness*, and *Sabbath desecration*, and *fraud and dishonesty in business dealings*. These are bringing down upon our country the displeasure of heaven, and are spreading crime and sorrow through the land.

Dearly beloved, abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. And let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. We salute you in Christ Jesus, and assure you of our prayers that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

JOSEPH R. WILSON,
Moderator.

The Committee on the Records of Orange Presbytery made the following report, which was adopted, viz.:

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of Orange Presbytery report that they have discharged that duty, and recommend that the Minutes be approved.

The unfinished business was then taken up, to-wit, the Report of the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and after some discussion the several exceptions were sustained and the report adopted. It is as follows:

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery respectfully report, recommending their approval, with the following exceptions:

1. On page 91, and also on page 152, a Pastor was installed over Churches, when it does not appear that the congregations, nor in one instance even their representatives, were present. And this, notwithstanding that exception was taken to similar action by the last Synod.

2. On page 133, the work of ordination, for which (by the Form of Government, Chap. xv, and Chap. x, §8), the Presbytery alone is competent, was entrusted to a "Commission."

3. On pages 151-153, the proceedings of a "Commission" are recorded as if they were the acts of Presbytery, having never been reported to or approved by the same.

The Committee appointed to report in regard to the education of a colored ministry asked for the extension of their time until the next meeting of Synod, which request was granted.

The Committee on the Report of Trustees of Synod, made a report which was received and adopted, as follows:

The Committee to whom the Report of the Trustees of Synod has been referred, respectfully report:

That they find nothing therein requiring any special action of Synod at this Session. They recommend therefore that the Trustees be directed to carry out the instructions heretofore given, as soon as the way may be open.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, it was, on motion, suspended, in order to hear the Rev. James K.

Hazen, touching Sabbath Schools, Normal Classes and Institutes,—the general supervision of the Sabbath School interest being entrusted to the Committee of Publication by the General Assembly.

Mr. Hazen then addressed the Synod on these subjects.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that no business had been placed in their hands and asked to be discharged.

The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The following resolutions were then offered as an addition to the report on Publication and adopted:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod has heard with great pleasure the Rev. J. K. Hazen, the Assembly's Secretary of Publication concerning the interests of that great cause, and rejoice in the present hopeful outlook.

2. That this Synod in addition to action hitherto taken by this body, recommend as prompt and as generous response to the circular of the Committee, soliciting a special effort to relieve the present indebtedness of the Committee.

The order of the day was then called, and the Synod heard the report of the Special Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to report: "As to what can be done to promote the greater efficiency of Evangelistic Work in our bounds."

The report was received.

Pending the discussion of the report, the order of the day was suspended, to take up the second order of the day, to-wit: the reports of the Committees appointed to prepare minutes touching deceased Ministers.

The following minutes were then read and each unanimously adopted, by a rising vote of Synod:

Rev. JACOB DOLL.

The Committee appointed to bring in a memorial paper expressive of the feelings of the Synod of North Carolina in reference to the death of Rev. Jacob Doll, beg leave to report the following:

Rev. Jacob Doll was in attendance upon the last Spring meeting, in

the month of April, of Orange Presbytery (of which he was a member), in the city of Newbern, in what seemed to be his usual health and vigour; opened the Presbytery at its last Moderator with the customary sermon and other exercises, and attended from day to day its sessions. He had been its Stated Clerk for many years, and occupied his place, interested and active about as usual, until Saturday; when about noon, feeling unwell, he went to his lodgings and a few minutes before dinner, by a sudden stroke and almost instantaneously, his heart ceased its pulsations, and his spirit was absent from the body and present with the Lord.

The present meeting of Synod is the first for many years at which Brother Doll has not been present. He has been a member of this Synod for more than thirty years, and our Stated Clerk for about twenty; and no brother was more punctual in his attendance than he—no face more familiar, no greeting more cordially given, no welcome and smile more unaffected and cordial than his.

It is very hard to give expression to our feelings of regard and love for Brother Doll, and our sense of loss, without seeming to use the language of extravagant praise. As a Minister of the Gospel he was practical, solemn, able, earnest, and at times exceedingly impressive: his sermons gave evidence of clear views of gospel truth, and of steadfast adherence to the faith once delivered to the Saints. As our Stated Clerk, he was punctual, accurate and neat in all the detail of this office—so familiar with the routine of ecclesiastical courts, with its facts and precedents—so ready and accommodating and cheerful to give information, that all felt free to ask him on any point, and easy and safe while acting upon his suggestions; his records were kept with such neatness and accuracy as to attract the notice and special approval of the General Assembly, and his loss to us in all the various and important matters connected with this office is unspeakably great.

But it is as a *man*, as a *friend*, *associate*, and *brother*, that we feel that words cannot adequately express the emotions of our hearts; the oldest members of the Synod and the youngest alike feel that they mourn together, and that his death is a personal bereavement to each. He was so kind, so cheerful, so genial and sincere—he seemed to take to his heart every brother—so perfectly free from guile, from envy and from all uncharitableness—his Christian spirit, his tender heart, his ready smile, his cheerful, good humour, all blend together in almost every thought of him, that every memory of him is a sad, sweet vision of blended joy and smiles and tears.

"None knew him but to love him,
Nor named him but to praise."

Synod would record this public testimonial to his character and worth—its own sense of loss—its assurance to his bereaved family of

our sympathies and prayers—its thanks to God for the many years of Christian fellowship with him, and its present earnest prayer that such a life and its sudden close may be an ever felt incentive to us of tender, brotherly love to one another, of fidelity to duty, and of constant watchfulness and preparation for death.

REV. HENRY HOWARD BANKS.

The Committee appointed to present a Minute expressive of the sentiments of the Synod of North Carolina in view of the death of the Rev. Henry Howard Banks, submits the following.

"God's way is in the sea, and his path is in the deep waters." We bow with humble submission to His sovereignty, and yet with deep and pungent sorrow we record the removal by death of this beloved brother. Lovely in life and by natural endowment—his character, richly refined and sublimated by Divine Grace, made him eminently attractive to his brethren, and to all with whom his lot in life was cast. He well fulfilled, in all its relations, life's duties—as son, father, husband, friend—as Christian, Pastor and Presbyter in the Church of God. His work was well and early done, and early has he been called to his rest and to his rich reward—leaving behind him, as a heritage to loving and reverential hearts, a memory, which like

"The action of the just
Smells sweet and blossoms in the dust."

REV. WILLIAM G. BAIRD.

The Committee appointed to prepare a suitable Minute, relative to the death of Rev. William G. Baird would respectfully report as follows:

Brother Baird was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Orange in the year 1873, and died in the county of Person in 1877. This brief ministry was marked by great earnestness and self-denial. To Brother Baird the preaching of the Gospel was a pleasure and a privilege. He seemed glad to labour in whatever way and wherever his Presbytery directed him, and his zealous spirit endeared him to all

to whom he ministered as well as to his ministerial brethren. It was a zeal that burned brightly and steadily, despite his declining health, even to the end—while his increasing infirmities were borne with a quiet fortitude and humble submissiveness to the Divine will, that indicated a rich growth in grace and ripening for the employments of the heavenly life. His end was peace, and he has entered upon his rest, but the amiability and elevated character of the Christian gentleman, blending with the earnest faithfulness of the humble Christian Minister, will cause his name to be embalmed as honored and precious with all who knew him.

REV. ARCHIBALD BAKER.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Minute relative to the death of Rev. Archibald Baker, Pastor of Centre Church, Presbytery of Fayetteville, would respectfully submit the following report:

That, while as a Synod we bow with profound reverence and humble submission to the will of Him who "doeth all things well," we would also record our sincere gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for sparing to us so long the life of one so faithful, so kind, so useful, and so much beloved. His many virtues combined to make him a model of a Christian gentleman, the highest type of man, and worthy of our imitation. And his conscientious fidelity, elevated piety and tenderness of spirit, made him eminently lovely and useful as a Christian Minister and as Pastor.

Called in the midst of his labours to his rich reward, the Synod would recognize in his sudden and unexpected death the voice of our Divine Master, saying to each of us: "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

As a Synod we would also mingle our tears of sympathy and sorrow with those of the bereaved family, and pray God to take them under His fatherly care and protection, to guide them by His counsel, and afterward receive them to glory.

At the conclusion of these Minutes, the hour of 12 M. having arrived., the Synod spent half an hour in devotional exercises. After which, Synod took recess until 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After recess, Synod met and resumed business.

The Committee on the Records of Concord Presbytery reported that the Records of Concord Presbytery had not been presented to Synod, nor placed in their hands. The Committee was, on motion discharged.

The unfinished business was taken up, to-wit: the report of the Committee relative to Evangelistic Work in the Synod. After considerable discussion the whole subject was recommitted to the Committee, with the exception of the first resolution, to report to the next meeting of Synod. The Rev. J. Rumple was added to this Committee in place of Rev. B. L. Beall, removed to another Synod.

The first resolution was adopted, as follows:

1. That Synod does most earnestly urge upon those Presbyteries having destitute territory, that they employ each, at least one Evangelist for his entire time.

The Committee appointed to suggest action appropriate for the Synod to take concerning the desecration of the Sabbath by Railway Corporations, submitted the following, which was adopted:

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church in North Carolina, in view of the fact that the railroads passing through our State, or operating in it, do habitually violate the sanctity of the Sabbath; that the quiet of our towns and cities is disturbed, and the feelings of our Christian people are shocked and outraged by the loading and unloading of cars and continual running of trains; and also that many are kept from church by being thus employed, and are compelled either to lose their places or dishonor the Lord's Day; in view of all this, the Synod does respectfully and earnestly petition the Legislature to pass some laws preventing the deplorable defiance of God's Holy Command. The Synod would respectfully call the attention of the Legislature to the fact that some other States have laws upon this subject, and that our own State has laws protecting the Sabbath in other respects.

The Synod earnestly entreat the Legislature to respect the wishes of the Christian people of this State, and to prevent by legislation this violation of the sanctity of the Lord's Day.

On motion, Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, Hon. Daniel G. Fowle and A. M. McPheeters, Esq., were appointed a committee to present this action of Synod to the Legislature.

On motion, Rev. E. H. Harding, Gen. John A. Young and Gen. R. D. Johnston were appointed a committee to present this action of Synod to the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, and the Baptist State Convention, both soon to meet in the city of Charlotte, and seek their co-operation.

The following rule was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be directed to publish in the Appendix to the Minutes the statistics of the annual reports of Synodical agents, when approved by Synod, and furnish the extended reports, when approved, to the Editor of the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, with a request to publish.

The third order of the day was called, and the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions was read and approved. Pending its consideration, in the absence of the Assembly's Secretary, Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., and by his request, the cause was presented to Synod by Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod will hold a Missionary Meeting on Friday night of each session,—that the Agent in addition to reading his report, be directed to secure addresses on the subject,—and that a collection shall, in connection with those services, be taken up for this cause.

The Committee on Union Theological Seminary made a report which was accepted and approved, and the recommendations adopted. The report is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of Union Theological Seminary submit the following report:

Among the many causes for encouragement and thankfulness contained in this report, we specify the following:

1. The gratifying number of students in attendance:

2. The high degree of fidelity and success attained in study and deportment by these students; and

3. Their general good health.

4. The favorable condition of the finances.

Additions to the treasury have been reported under the will of the late Mrs. Davidson, of Rockingham Co., Va., and bequests by the will of the late Mr. Rogers, of Portsmouth, Va. We call special attention to the noble conduct of the Legislatures of the State of Virginia, (when unable to pay the whole amount of the interest upon their debt) in continuing with enlightened and wise liberality, to make an exception in favor of Seminaries of learning. And thus it comes to pass that our Seminary possesses sufficient available resources to meet all its expenses.

5. Three hundred and twenty-one volumes have been added to the Library during the year, making the whole number about eleven thousand.

In view of the facts presented in this report, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the Synod heartily approves of the management of the Seminary, acknowledges with gratitude and thanksgiving the blessing of Almighty God upon this beloved institution, and earnestly craves for it the continuance of His abundant mercies.

4. That the Synod hereby re-appoint the 4th class of Directors, whose time expires at this meeting; to-wit: Rev. J. Rumple, Rev. B. F. Marable, and Mr. R. I. McDowell.

3. That the Directors be urged to be punctual in attending the annual meetings, and that the absentees from the last be called upon for their excuses for such absences.

Under this action, the following were appointed Directors of Union Theological Seminary: Rev. J. Rumple, Rev. B. F. Marable, and Mr. R. I. McDowell.

The excuse of Mr. George Chadbourn for absence from the last meeting of the Board of Directors was rendered and sustained.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises submitted a report providing for the Religious Services of the Sabbath, which was approved.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Editor of the Goldsboro *Messenger* is entitled to and is hereby tendered the thanks of the Synod of North Carolina for the liberality and courtesy extended to this body now in session, by the publication of its daily proceedings in an "Extra," and the gratuitous supply thereof to all the members of the Synod.

Synod then took recess until after public worship this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

After recess Synod met and resumed business.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Leave of Absence respectfully report that they have granted leave of absence to the following members of Synod :

After the Morning Session of Friday, to the following, viz :

Ministers—H. McLean, D. A. McRae.

Ruling Elders—A. M. McKinnon, A. McMillan, J. McIver, E. M. Stevenson, D. C. Blue, J. McLaurin.

After 4 P. M. Friday, to Ruling Elder W. A. Faison.

After Friday night to the following, viz :

Ruling Elders—W. J. Boney, W. J. Cromartie, R. W. Collins, Geo. Allen.

After the Morning Session of Saturday, to the following, viz :

Ministers—R. Burwell, C. Shaw, D. B. Black, J. M. Wharey, J. F. McPherson, W. McDonald, F. H. Johnston, S. M. Smith, P. P. Winn, J. M. Anderson.

Ruling Elders—A. G. Reid, J. H. Lindsay, D. F. Morrow, J. C. Barnhardt, M. E. Dye.

After 4 P. M. Saturday to the following, viz :

Ministers—J. H. Smith, D. D., P. T. Penick, K. McDonald.

Ruling Elders—J. B. Carr, A. Sprunt, L. W. Robinson, A. M. McPheeters.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are eminently due, and are hereby heartily tendered to the citizens of Goldsboro for their generous hospitality and considerate attention extended to the members of this body during its sessions; to the various Railroad Companies for their reduction in fare; to the various ministers and churches of this town, who have tendered their houses of worship for religious services, and that the Pastor of this church be requested to read this resolution from his pulpit on Sabbath morning, and to secure publication in the town papers.

The roll was then called and it was found that no member of the Synod was absent without permission.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read, amended and approved.

On motion, the Synod then adjourned to meet in Statesville, N. C., on Wednesday, the 22nd day of October, 1879, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic benediction.

JOSEPH R WILSON,
Moderator.

A. McFADYEN,
L. W. ROBINSON, } *Temporary Clerks.*

WM. S. LACY,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

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UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Annual Report of the Trustees to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and to the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, for the year ending April, 1878.

The annual meeting of the Trustees and Directors was held on the 9th and 10th of April, 1878, and the following report is submitted to the Assembly and to the Synods:

The attendance of Trustees was full, only three being absent. Messrs. B. F. Marable and W. Murdock, of North Carolina, who had been appointed Directors by the Synod of North Carolina, were elected Trustees and enrolled. The whole number of students during the year 1877-'78, was fifty-one, twenty-four of whom were Seniors, eleven in the Middle class, and sixteen in the Junior class. Six students left the Seminary before the close of the session. The reasons assigned were deficiency of means, and openings for procuring remunerative work during the spring and summer, with the necessity, in one or two cases, of attending meetings of Presbyteries held before the close of the term.

Certificates of having completed the full course of study prescribed by our Constitution, after satisfactory examinations, were awarded to the following Seniors, viz: I. S. Anderson, Tennessee; J. G. Anderson, Virginia; R. S. Burwell, North Carolina; A. B. Coit, North Carolina; J. C. Coldwell, Tennessee; B. Goode, Virginia; J. E. Latham, Missouri; E. W. McCorkle, Virginia; W. M. McPheeters, Virginia; H. C. Moore, Virginia; R. K. Moseley, Virginia; J. A. Preston, Virginia; J. C. Senger, North Carolina; L. O. Spencer, Kentucky; A. Sprunt, North Carolina.

The report of the Examining Committee indicates a high degree of fidelity and success on the part of the students.

No general sickness has at any time prevailed, and the health of the students has been uniformly good.

The financial statement, hereto appended by the Secretary and Treasurer will show that the Seminary has no debt, with sufficient available resources to meet its current and necessary expenses.

The method of *written examinations*, combined with oral, adopted at the session of 1875-'76, continues to give satisfactory results as an efficient test of scholarship and additional stimulus to study.

Three hundred and twenty-one volumes have been added to the Library during the year, making the whole number about eleven thousand volumes.

We desire gratefully to recognize the tokens of favor and blessing hitherto vouchsafed to the Seminary, humbly praying the Head of the Church to continue to prosper it, according to His gracious will.

Respectfully submitted

C. H. READ, *President.*

F. N. WATKINS, *Secretary.*

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The investments of Union Theological Seminary, as at 1st April, 1878, are as follows, viz:

State of Virginia, Registered debt		$116,995
" " " " consols		20,700
Georgia		12,000
Richmond & Danville Railroad		10,000
Individual bond		30,000
South Side Railroad		5,000
Nashville		1,000
St. Louis & Iron Mountain Railroad		1,000
Salem, Virginia, bonds		2,000
Richmond City		8,000
Orange & Alexandria Railroad		4,700
Bank of Brooklyn		350
		$211,745
Suspended debt: N. C. bonds	$ 4,147	
In liquidation	15,000	
Des Moines V. R. R.	1,000	
Montgomery, Alabama	1,000	
Virginia Central Railroad	6,000	
J. R. & K. bonds	12,000	
Individual bond	250	
		39,897
		$251,642

The Ann Davidson Scholarship has been fully established during 1877-'78, and will be yielding revenue in 1878-'79. The above amount includes the Scholarships, Library Building Fund, and Library Fund, aggregating about $60,000.

The officers for 1878-'79 are as follows: Rev. Dr. C. H. Read, Virginia, President; Rev. Dr. J. H. Smith, North Carolina (1st), and J. Harman Brown, Maryland (2d), Vice-Presidents; F. N. Watkins, Secretary and Treasurer, Farmville, Virginia.

Executive Committee: Rev. Dr. William Brown, Revs. W. T. Richardson and C. White; Messrs. E. M. Armstrong and E. N. Hutchison.

Auditors: Rev. H. G. Hill, and Messrs. E. M. Armstrong and E. N. Hutchison.

Professors: Rev. Drs. B. M. Smith, R. L. Dabney, T. E. Peck, and H. C. Alexander.

The post-office address of the Professors and students is "*Hampden Sidney, Va.,*" that of the Treasurer and Secretary is "*Farmville, Va.*"

F. N. WATKINS,
Secretary.

FARMVILLE, VA., April 12, 1878.

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REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully submit to the Synod of North Carolina the following report on Systematic Benevolence:

Orange Presbytery consists of 50 churches. Of these, 14 churches contributed to one or more of the regular objects before the churches.

25 churches contributed to all the schemes; 7 churches contributed to 5 objects; 2 churches to 4; 3 churches to 3; 1 church to 2; 5 churches to 1; and 12 churches report no collections.

In comparison with the gifts of 1877 there has been a decrease of $15 in Sustentation, and a decrease of $188 in the Evangelistic Fund, and an increase of $75 in the Invalid Fund, and a decrease of $149 in Foreign Missions, and an increase of $1,412 in Education, and a decrease of $143 in Publication.

The most of our large churches with more than 100 members report very small amounts contributed to the benevolent objects of the Church, and yet $1,360 have been contributed over and above the whole amount contributed last year.

F. H. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

Concord Presbytery respectfully reports to the Synod of North Carolina, that for the year ending April, 1878, 28 of our 35 churches report contributions to one or more of the objects ordered by the General Assembly; 11 churches contributed to all these objects; 5 churches to 5 of them; 5 churches to 4; 1 church to 3; 4 churches to 2; 2 churches to 1; and 7 to none of them, so far as reported.

25	churches	gave to	Sustentation	$343 00
15	"	"	Evangelistic Fund	88 00
20	"	"	Invalid Fund	129 00
27	"	"	Foreign Missions	1,019 00
21	"	"	Education	1,201 00
16	"	"	Publication	123 00
			Total	$2,894 00

There has been, on the whole, an encouraging increase in the contributions of our churches of $328 more than the previous year. There is an increase in contributions to Sustentation, Foreign Missions and Education, and some decrease in contributions to the Evangelistic Fund and to Publication.

WM. W. PHARR, *Stated Clerk.*

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence would present the following report, to be forwarded to Synod:

The statistics cover the fiscal year closing April 1, 1878.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, respecting the Systematic Beneficence of our 48 churches, as follows:

34	churches	gave to	Sustentation	$240 00
32	"	"	Evangelistic Fund	128 00
28	"	"	Invalid Fund	105 00
34	"	"	Foreign Missions	818 00
34	"	"	Education	219 00
29	"	"	Publication	125 00
20	"	"	Miscellaneous objects	273 00
			Total contributed to benevolent causes	$1,908 00

Of our 48 churches, 27 gave to all six objects of the Assembly; 3 gave to 5 of them; 4 gave to four of them; 1 gave to 3 of them; 2 to one of them, and twelve report no benevolent contributions. Our best contributing churches take up collections whenever they have public worship.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. McPHERSON, *Stated Clerk.*

By order of Presbytery.

Smyrna Church, Oct. 4th, 1878.

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

The report of the Presbytery of Wilmington to the Synod of North Carolina for the year ending April, 1878.

26 churches contributed	to	Sustentation	$312 00
18 "	"	Evangelistic Fund	67 00
16 "	"	Invalid Fund	84 00
19 "	"	Foreign Missions	311 00
21 "	"	Education	82 00
17 "	"	Publication	82 00
20 "	"	Presbyterial	344 00
25 "	"	Pastors' salaries paid	9,975 00
14 "	"	Congregational	2,320 00
6 "	"	Miscellaneous	136 00
Total			$13,713 00

18 churches have contributed to all the objects of Benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; 1 to 5 of them; 1 to four of them; 1 to 3 of them; 1 to 2 of them; 2 to 1 of them, and 5 to none of them.

By order of the Presbytery.

JAMES M. SPRUNT, *Stated Clerk.*

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports that, according to the last returns from the sessions (April, 1878),

32 churches gave	to	Sustentation	$1,261 00
24 "	"	Evangelistic Fund	312 00
27 "	"	Invalid Fund	215 00
28 "	"	Foreign Missions	1,037 00
24 "	"	Education	397 00
23 "	"	Publication	117 00
Total			$3,340 00

Only five dollars less in the aggregate than was contributed the year before. There was considerable increase in the amounts for Foreign Missions, Evangelistic Fund and Invalid Fund; but a decrease in the contributions for other objects, while more of the churches have contributed. 18 churches gave to all the objects, viz.: Mallard Creek, Ramah, Charlotte 1st church, Lincolnton, Dallas, Shelby, Goshen, Paper Mill, Union, Philadelphus, Long Creek, Hopewell, Castania Grove, Unity, Providence, Pineville, Wadesboro and Sharon—some of them among the youngest and weakest churches.

Respectfully submitted.

R. Z. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

By order of Presbytery.

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 21st, 1878.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

The Treasurer of Synod makes the following report, from October 23d, 1877, to October 23d, 1878:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hand at last report					$12 09
Received from Orange Presbytery, bal. of Assessment for				1877...	55 16
" " Wilmington Presbytery,	"	"	"	1878...	50 00
" " Concord "	"	"	"	1877...	75 00
" " Fayetteville "	"	"		1876 & 1877	160 00
					$382 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for printing the Minutes of Synod for 1877	$107 73
" F. N. Watkins, Tr. U. T. Sem'ry, on exp'ses of Directors	200 00
Balance in my hands	74 52
	$382 25

Mecklenburg Presbytery has not paid the assessments for 1876 and 1877, $75 each—$150. Wilmington is the only Presbytery which has paid for 1878—$50.

Union Seminary advanced to pay the expenses of the North Carolina Directors, as follows:

April, 1875	$150 00	
" 1876	177 25	
" 1877	195 00	
	$522 25	$522 25
I have paid, as heretofore reported	$150 00	
And last July, as per receipt	200 00	
	$350 00	$350 00
Leaving still due the Seminary		$172 25

In October, 1877, the Synods agreed that the expenses should be paid out of the Treasury of the Seminary. So there has been no demand on the Synodical Treasury since, and will be none for the future for that purpose.

Hereafter, after the debt to the Seminary, 172.25, is paid, the only calls, permanent and annual, will be printing the Minutes, and the salary and account of the Stated Clerk. The cost of the Minutes, 1877, was $107.73, and about $75 has been the sum annually due the Stated Clerk.

The Synod will see from this statement that the assessments on the Presbyteries may be greatly diminished, to meet all calls upon its funds.

The Treasury stands to-day as follows:

Now due Seminary,	$172 25	
" " Stated Clerk, about	80 00	$252 25
And cash on hand		71 52

If Mecklenburg Presbytery pays for 1876 and 1877, and the four—Orange, Concord, Mecklenburg and Fayetteville—pay for 1878, as Wilmington has done, and add the above, $71.52, we shall have the sum of $584.52. Deduct what we now owe, $250, in round numbers, we have left $334.52 in the Treasury, for our wants in the future. Estimating from our expenses for several years past, about $200 annually will cover all our usual demands. If the Presbyteries pay up, and we realize as above stated, there will be an unnecessary surplus in the Treasury. It will be for the Synod, in its wisdom, to adjust the assessments to its present and future necessities.

Respectfully submitted.

JESSE H. LINDSAY, *Treasurer of Synod.*

Greensboro, N. C., October 23d, 1878.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

To the Synod of North Carolina, at Goldsboro:

Your Trustees respectfully report that there has been no change in the business of the Synod in their hands since the last report.

They have not been able to make any collections of the notes due the Synod under the resolution of Synod, authorizing a compromise of them.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. BROWN, *Chairman.*

By order of the Board.

Charlotte, N. C., October 21st, 1878.

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REPORT OF THE AGENT OF SABBATH SCHOOLS TO THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The following Presbyteries report:

Presbyteries	No. on Rolls.		Average Attendance		Increase		Admitted to Lord's Table.		Contributions.	
	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Scholars.	For School	Benevolence
Orange.—39 schools, 45 out of 56 churches send reports.	317	2088	214	1103	4	65	17	106	$384	$184
Concord.—28 out of 35 churches report.	232	1968	186	1287	15	81	5	60	199	155
Fayetteville.—29 out of 29 schools. 48 churches report	220	1606	161	1142	22	87	17	92	153	109
Wilmington.—22 out of 32 churches report 18 schools.	124	955	103	676	.....	74	10	39	250	140
Totals.....	938	6557	694	4508	41	287	49	297	$986	$588

Mecklenburg Presbytery sends no report. The Minutes of the General Assembly show that there are 1,670 scholars in the Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes in this Presbytery, which number added to that above gives a total of 8,227 scholars in the Sabbath Schools within our bounds. One hundred and twenty-four churches in the four Presbyteries send reports; and forty-seven fail to report, viz.: 11 in Orange, 7 in Concord, 19 in Fayetteville and 10 in Wilmington.

Twenty-six churches contributed to various benevolent objects (viz.: 10 in Orange, 9 in Concord, 6 in Fayetteville and one in Wilmington), a total of $588.

In a number of schools there has been considerable religious interest, and the additions from them to our membership has been 346.

The *Children's Friend* and *Earnest Worker* are not generally taken, and the sacred Scripture is not generally memorized. It does not appear that there is any systematic effort to train teachers, or induce children to be liberal in the Lord's cause.

The Sabbath School work is making some progress at several points, but there is not a proper and healthy enthusiasm about this vitally important agency of the Church. In Fayetteville Presbytery a Sabbath

School Convention has been established, which meets before the convening of the Presbytery, and which it is hoped will do much good.

[Recommendations, appearing in Minutes, are omitted here.]

Your Agent would also direct the attention of the Synod to the circulars of our Secretary of Publication, Rev. James K. Hazen, touching the formation of "Teachers' Institutes."

STATISTICS OF REPORTS OF SYNODICAL AGENTS.

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I.—SUSTENTATION.

1st—*Ministerial Support.*—In the Synod, in salaries, according to the Assembly's Minutes, there is paid the sum of $57,289.

Orange Presbytery, $15,160; Concord, $11,341; Fayetteville, $8,947 Wilmington, $9,975; Mecklenburg, $11,866.

The average salary *actually paid* is—in Orange Presbytery, $505; Concord, $515; Fayetteville, $497; Wilmington, $712; Mecklenburg, $439. In Synod, $516.

Average salary paid is $10 greater than last year.

According to reports of Presbyterial Agents, the average salary *promised*, is—in Orange, $850; Concord, $862; Fayetteville, $725; Wilmington, $750; Mecklenburg, no report.

2d.—*Sustentation proper.*—Orange contributed to the cause, $337; to Assembly's Treasury, $388; received, $193; disbursed, 193. Concord contributed to the cause, $464; to Assembly's Treasury, $45; disbursed, $289; Fayetteville contributed to the cause, $240; to Assembly's Treasury, $264; received, $100; disbursed, $100; Wilmington contributed to the cause, $312; to Assembly's Treasury, $50; disbursed, $312. Mecklenburg contributed to the cause, $1,261; to Assembly's Treasury, $408; disbursed, $500. Total amount contributed to the cause, $2,614; to the Assembly's Treasury, $1,155; received, $293; disbursed, $1,394.

Concord, Wilmington and Mecklenburg Presbyteries received nothing from the Assembly's Fund.

The contributions to this cause are larger than they were last year. The average contribution per communicant is 15 cents, an advance of 4 cents upon the preceding year.

3d.—*Evangelistic Work.*—Four Presbyteries do their own home missionary work. One co-operates with the Central Committee.

Orange employs two Evangelists, on salaries of $1,000 and $600. The fields furnish $650, and the established churches $950. It reports contributions to the cause, $707, and to Assembly's Committee, $7.

Fayetteville has no Evangelist employed by Presbytery, though one minister gives one-fourth of his time to this work on a salary of $125, furnished by the field. Contributions to the cause have been $128; to the Assembly's Committee, $102.

Concord had no Evangelist in the year covered by this report. As a result of work by settled ministers, steps have been taken to organize a church at Norwood, in Stanly county. It has contributed to the cause $136; to the Assembly's Committee, $9

Wilmington has no Evangelist. Its contributions have been to the cause, $67; to the Assembly's Committee, nothing.

Mecklenburg has one Evangelist, on a salary of $700—$400 from the field, and $300 from Presbytery. Two other ministers give part of their time to this work, on salaries of $75 and $100. Its contributions have been to the cause, $326; to the Assembly's Committee, $22.

In the Synod, we have 6 Evangelists for the whole or a part of their time, on salaries amounting to $2,650; while we have contributed to Evangelization, outside of our bounds, only $140.

The average contribution to Evangelistic work in the Synod is 16 cents per communicant, an advance of two cents upon last year.

4th.—*Invalid Fund.*—Only 125 out of our 217 churches report contributions to this object. Whole amount contributed to the cause, $874; to the Assembly's Committee, $799; received, $690; disbursed, $915.

In the Synod, 9 families and two individuals have been aided. The average contribution to this fund in the Synod is 5 cents per communicant. This is an increase of one cent upon last year.

5th.—*Relief Scheme*—Embraced by three ministers and no church in the Synod.

6th.—*Evangelization of the Coloured People.*—One coloured licentiate labours in Orange Presbytery.

One coloured church in Fayetteville is supplied for half the time by a white minister.

The ground is mainly occupied by churches of the Northern General Assembly. There is some preaching specially for the coloured people by our ministers. Contributions for this cause were nearly $40.

Collections are not taken.

II.—EDUCATION.

1st. There are at present nineteen candidates for the Gospel ministry under the care of the Presbyteries composing this Synod.

This number is distributed as follows: Concord has 7 candidates and

2 licentiates; Mecklenburg has 5 candidates and 2 licentiates; Orange, 5 candidates and 3 licentiates; Fayetteville, 2 candidates, and Wilmington 2 licentiates.

Eleven of these young men are receiving aid, 9 through their Presbyteries and 2 (one in Concord and one in Mecklenburg) from private benefactors.

2d. The whole amount of money raised for this cause during the past year is $2,187.16. This amount was contributed as follows: Concord, $1,208; Mecklenburg, $397; Orange, $280.92; Fayetteville, $219.24, and Wilmington $82.

Last year this Synod raised for the same cause, $2,012, being $175.16 less than the amount that has been raised this year.

III.—PUBLICATION.

The Treasurer of the Assembly's Committee acknowledges the receipt in the aggregate of $544.24, which is $13.92 less than the amount received the year previous.

According to the tables in the Minutes for 1877, the several Presbyteries report collections in the aggregate for Publication of $698, being $57 less than the year before. There has been a decrease in the number of churches contributing in the Presbyteries of Concord, Fayetteville and Orange; an increase in the Presbytery of Wilmington. The Presbyteries of Fayetteville and Wilmington together gave $41 more than last year; the Presbyteries of Concord, Mecklenburg and Orange $103 less. The amounts contributed by the several Presbyteries are as follows: Orange, $212; Concord, $162; Fayetteville, $125; Mecklenburg, $117; Wilmington, $82. Last year 128 of the 216 churches reported collections; this year 118 of 217. And the amount contributed per capita of 17,046 members is just 4.09 cents. The average per communicant of the churches (118) which report contributions to this cause is 6.1 cents.

Seventeen out of 35 churches in Concord Presbytery, with an aggregate membership of 1,518, report no collection.

Eighteen out of 48 churches in Fayetteville Presbytery, with a membership of 1,214, report no collection.

Twenty-three out of 46 churches in Mecklenburg Presbytery, with an aggregate membership of 1,925, report no collection.

Twenty-five out of 56 churches in Orange Presbytery, with a membership of 620, report no collection.

Fifteen out of 32 churches in Wilmington Presbytery, with a membership of 347, report no collection.

Total—99 churches; membership, 5,626. No collections.

It thus appears that one-half of the churches less 9, and one third of

the membership of our Church in this Synod have done nothing in the past year for this important cause.

IV.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The aggregate sum of money raised in the Synod for Foreign Missions (for the year ending April 1st, 1878—the year covered by this report) was $4,416, which is $610 more than was raised the previous year.

There was an increase in all the Presbyteries, except in Orange, which fell back only six dollars. The greatest increase was in Fayetteville Presbytery, though Concord raised their amount till that Presbytery again stands at the head, as will appear from the following:

Concord Presbytery raised $1,145; Mecklenburg, $1,087; Fayetteville, $893; Orange, $867; Wilmington, $425.

There were more Ladies' Aid Societies which contributed to this cause than were the previous year. Twenty-six Ladies' Aid Societies raised $1,020; 15 in Fayetteville Presbytery raised more than the churches; 4 in Mecklenburg raised $213; 4 in Concord raised $141; 2 in Orange raised $125, and one in Wilmington raised $55.

Only 30 Sunday Schools in the Synod contributed. They raised $691, which is $99 more, however, than was raised by Sunday Schools the previous year. Six Sunday Schools in Orange raised $207; 7 in Concord raised $149; 7 in Mecklenburg raised $145; 7 in Fayetteville raised $85 and 3 in Wilmington raised $105.

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STANDING RULES OF SYNOD.

REVISED OCTOBER 16, 1874.

RULE 1.—All excuses for tardiness or absence rendered by members on the floor, or communicated in writing, shall be deemed satisfactory, unless a motion is made and prevails to the contrary.

RULE 2.—It shall be the duty of each member, when providentially prevented from attending the Synod, to address a letter to the Moderator stating reasons for his detention.

RULE 3.—It shall be the duty of the Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, appointed by this Synod, to render their excuses for non-attendance on any meeting of the Board to the Synod; and if any Director shall be absent from any appointed meeting of the Board without assigning a sufficient excuse, his name shall be dropped from the roll, or his seat in the Board shall be declared vacant.

RULE 4.—The Moderator shall at every meeting appoint a Standing Committee on Leave of Absence, and those members who leave the Synod without permission, shall be called to answer for such irregularity at its next meeting, and for this purpose the roll of members shall always be called before the final adjournment.

RULE 5.—The Synod shall call upon Ruling Elders in the same manner as upon its Ministers, for their excuses for tardiness.

RULE 6.—A majority of all the votes given shall be necessary in the election of the officers of the Synod.

RULE 7.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to transmit to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a correct and certified Roll of the Ministers, and another one of the churches, at least ten days previous to each meeting of the Synod.

RULE 8.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk, whenever necessary, to issue and sign certificates for the return of members and their families on the railroads of the State to their homes.

RULE 9.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to deposit with the Librarian of the Union Theological Seminary, and also the Librarian of Davidson College, a complete series of the Minutes of the Synod as far as published. The Presbyteries composing this body are requested to do the same with their Minutes when published.

RULE 10.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes, a list of the Ministers of the Synod, with their post offices.

RULE 11.—The Stated Clerk shall have printed every year on the last page of the Minutes, a carefully prepared Docket of the business of the Synod at its next annual meeting.

RULE 12.—It shall be a standing Rule of this Synod to publish the names of the Ruling Elders and Deacons belonging to the churches under its care, in the Appendix to the Minutes, at least once in every five years. And it is enjoined upon the Stated Clerks of the several Presbyteries, to forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, when called for, a correct list of the names of the Elders and Deacons, and their post offices, in the different churches.

RULE 13.—Agents shall be appointed on each of the following objects of Christian Benevolence, viz.: Foreign Missions, Sustentation, Edu-

cation and Publication. And it shall be the duty of these Agents to take into consideration the whole field committed to their supervision, and to present at each meeting of Synod a written report of all that is doing within the bounds of the Synod on the subjects severally assigned to them; and the consideration of these reports shall be a special order at each meeting of Synod.

RULE 14.—The Chairman of the Sustentation Committee in each Presbytery is instructed to furnish the Synodical Agent on this subject such facts and figures as will inform him of what has been done the previous year within their bounds. And this information shall be furnished on or before the second day of the Session of Synod, each year.

RULE 15.—The subject of Systematic Benevolence shall be made a standing item on the Docket of Synod, and the Presbyteries shall be called upon to make annual reports of their diligence in this matter.

RULE 16.—An Agent of Sabbath Schools shall be appointed, who shall present annually before the Synod as full a report as possible of the condition and growth and prospects of the Sabbath School cause. And the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries are directed to send a copy of the annual reports to the General Assembly on Sabbath Schools, to the Synodical Agent.

RULE 17.—That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to send annually to the Treasurer of Union Theological Seminary, an amount sufficient to pay the travelling expenses of the North Carolina Directors

RULE 18.—It shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Synod to present annually a full written report of the funds in their hands.

RULE 19.—Presbyteries are required to forward the reports of their Agents of Foreign Missions, Education and Publication to the Synod's Agents, respectively, before the annual meeting.

RULE 20.—The standing rules of the Synod shall be published annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of Synod. (See Records, October 16, 1874, page 333.)

RULE 21.—The Parliamentary Rules adopted by the General Assembly of 1866, and since that time observed by them, are the Rules for the guidance of this Synod. (See Records, October 14, 1875, page 362.)

RULE 22.—The reports of Presbyteries to the Synod on Systematic Benevolence shall extend from April 1st to April 1st, of each year. (See Records, October 16, 1875, page 392.)

RULE 23.—The Trustees of Synod shall be elected every four years, beginning with the meeting held in Greensboro, October, 1875. (See Records, October 16, 1875, page 399.)

RULE 24.—A Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting, to whom the statistical reports of the Presbyteries shall be referred.

And this Committee shall report to Synod any matter contained in these reports calling for action by this body. (See Records, October 19, 1876, page 414.)

RULE 25.—It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk, immediately after each stated meeting, to write to each absentee and to each session not represented, and inform them that the Synod requires them to report the reason for such absence. (See Records, October 27, 1877, page 44.)

RULE 26.—That the Stated Clerk of Synod be directed to publish in the Appendix to the Minutes, the statistics of the annual reports of Synodical Agents, when approved by Synod, and furnish the extended reports, when approved, to the editor of the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, with a request to publish. (See Records, October 26, 1878, page 102.)

RULE 27.—That the Synod will hold a Missionary Meeting on Friday night of each session; that the Agent, in addition to reading his report, be directed to secure addresses on the subject, and that a collection shall, in connection with these services, be taken up for this cause. (See Records, October 26, 1878, page 103.)

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GENERAL DIRECTORY.

MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

	Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1813.	Rev. Robert H. Chapman	Alamance Church.
1814.	Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell	Thyatira Church.
1815.	Rev. William McPheeters	Fayetteville.
1816.	Rev. John Robinson	Raleigh.
1817.	No meeting—no quorum present.	Rocky River.
1818.	Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D. D	Fayetteville.
1819.	Rev. Jonathan Otis Freeman, M. D	Raleigh.
1820.	Rev. William Paisley	Poplar Tent.
1821.	Rev. John M. Wilson	Salisbury.
1822.	Rev. John Robinson	Hillsborough.
1823.	Rev. John Witherspoon	Fayetteville.
1824.	Rev. Colin McIver	Statesville.
1825.	Rev. John B. Davis	Greensborough.
1826.	Rev. William McPheeters, D. D	Fayetteville.
1827.	Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D	Salisbury.

The Stated Clerk has no record of this and the two succeeding meetings.

1828.	Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch	Raleigh.
1829.	Rev. John Williamson	Fayetteville.

MODERATORS—CONTINUED.

Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1830. Rev. Samuel L. Graham	Hopewell.
1831. Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich	Hillsborough.
1832. Rev. Samuel Williamson	Salisbury.
1833. Rev. Henry A. Rowland	Wilmington.
1834. Rev. James W. Douglas	Oxford.
1835. Rev. Henry N. Pharr	Salisbury.
1836. Rev. Joseph Brown	Fayetteville.
1837. Rev. N. H. Harding	Shiloh.
1838. Rev. Stephen Frontis	Third Creek Church.
1839. Rev. Daniel A. Penick	Lincolnton.
1840. Rev. Alexander Wilson, D. D	Danville, Virginia.
1841. Rev. William N. Peacock	Fayetteville.
1842. Rev. Walter W. Pharr	Poplar Tent.
1843. Rev. James Phillips	Raleigh.
1844. Rdv. Simeon Colton	Fayetteville.
1845. Rev. Samuel Williamson	Charlotte.
1846. Rev. Drury Lacy	Greensborough.
1847. Rev. Evander McNair	Fayetteville.
1848. Rev Cyrus Johnston	Salisbury.
1849. Rev. John A. Gretter	Hillsborough.
1850. Rev. Adam Gilchrist	Centre.
1851. Rev. Archibald Baker	Rocky River.
1852. Rev. William N. Mebane	Danville, Virginia.
1853. Rev. Hector McLean	Wilmington.
1854. Rev. A. L. Watts	Concord.
1855. Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D. D	Greensborough.
1856. Rev. Neill McKay	Fayetteville.
1857. Rev. Walter W. Pharr	Charlotte.
1858. Rev. Jacob Doll	Newbern.
1859. Rev. F. K. Nash	Wilmington.
1860. Rev. R. H. Lafferty	Statesville.
1861. Rev. Edward Hines	Raleigh.
1862. Rev. John M. Sherwood	Goldsborough.
1863. Rev. R. N. Davis	Salisbury.
1864. Rev. A. G. Hughes	Greensborough.
1865. Rev. Colin Shaw	Fayetteville.
1866. Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D. D	Charlotte.
1867. Rev Archibald Currie	Newbern.
1868. Rev. D. D. McBryde	Wilmington.
1869. Rev. Jesse Rankin	Morganton.
1870. Rev. S. A. Stanfield	Raleigh.
1871. Rev. J. P. McPherson	Fayetteville.
1872. Rev. Arnold W. Miller D. D	Charlotte.
1873. Rev. James M. Sprunt	Wilmington.
1874. Rev. J. Rumple	Concord.
1875. Rev. P. H. Dalton	Greensborough.
1876. Rev. Martin McQueen	Fayetteville.
1877. Rev. John Douglas	Charlotte.
1878. Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D	Goldsborough.

STATED CLERKS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1813. Rev. Robert H. Chapman.
1818. Rev. Colin McIver.
1849. Rev. Drury Lacy.
1855. Rev. Archibald Baker.
1859. Rev. Jacob Doll.
1878. Rev. William S. Lacy.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

First Class.—To serve Four Years.

Rev. J. Rumple.
Rev. B. F. Marable.
Mr. R. I. McDowell, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1882.

Second Class.—To serve Three Years.

Rev. F. H. Johnston.
Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson.
Mr. George Chadbourn, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1881.

Third Class.—To serve Two Years.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D.
Rev. H. G. Hill.
Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1880.

Fourth Class.—To serve One Year.

Rev. J. P. McPherson.
Rev. Walter W. Pharr.
Mr. — Murdock, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1879.

AGENTS OF SYNOD.

Rev. R. Z. Johnston.....Agent of Foreign Missions.
Rev. H. G. Hill.....Agent of Sustentation.
Rev. L. McKinnon.....Agent of Education.
Rev. F. H. Johnston.....Agent of Publication.
Rev. L. C. Vass.....Agent of Sabbath Schools.

TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay.....Greensborough, N. C.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Col. John E. Brown, Chairman.....Charlotte, N. C.
Col. J. B. Rankin..... " " "
Mr. J. L. Brown..... " " "
Mr. T. H. Brem..... " " "
Mr. J. H. Welbourne.....Lexington, N. C.
Mr. D. F. Cannon.....Concord, " "

To go out in 1879.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Orange—Rev. F. H. Johnston.....Winston
Concord—Rev. William W. Pharr.....Mount Mourne.
Fayetteville—Rev. J. P. McPherson.....Fayetteville
Wilmington—Rev. J. M. Sprunt, D. D.....Kenansville.
Mecklenburg—Rev. R. Z. Johnston.....Lincolnton.

ROLL OF MINISTERS IN THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. George W. Ferrill	Tally Ho.
2. Edward Hines	Sassafras Fork.
3. A. Currie	Graham.
4. Thomas U. Faucette	Sassafras Fork.
5. Joseph M. Atkinson	Raleigh.
6. P. H. Dalton	High Point.
7. J. H. Smith, D. D	Greensborough.
8. F. H. Johnston	Winston.
9. D. E. Jordan	Oxford.
10. Drury Lacy, D. D	Raleigh.
11. James C. Alexander	Greensborough.
12. C. N. Morrow	Mebaneville.
13. Charles Phillips, D D	Chapel Hill.
14. C. H. Wiley	Winston.
15. William B. Tidball	Greensborough.
16. L. C. Vass	Newbern.
17. H. B Pratt	
18. John W. Primrose	Manson.
19. Robert Burwell	Raleigh.
20. James H. Fitzgerald	Hillsborough.
21. William A. Shaw, M. D	Raleigh.
22. H. T. Darnall	Milton.
23. C. Miller	Madison.
24. T. J. Allison	Rockingham.
25. James L. Currie	Hillsborough.
26. J. M. Anderson	Mebaneville.
27. Samuel M. Smith	Washington.
28. William R. Atkinson	Charlotte.
29. Roger Martin	Lexington.
30. P. R. Law	Pittsborough.
31. John S. Watkins	Raleigh.

CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. R. B. Anderson	Morganton.
2. R. W. Boyd	Salisbury.
3. J. H. Colton	Morganton.
4. A. L. Crawford	Mocksville.
5. John W. Davis	Soochow, China.
6. G. M. Gibbs	Cameron.
7. L. K. Glasgow	Davidson College.
8. A. D. Hepburn, D. D	Davidson College.
9. T. P. Johnston	Statesville.
10. Daniel Lindley	Brooklyn, New York.
11. L. McKinnon	Concord.
12. T. N. Paxton	Marion.
13. P. T. Penick	Mooresville.

ROLL OF MINISTERS—CONTINUED.

[Concord Presbytery—Continued.]

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
14.	William W. Pharr	Mount Mourne.
15.	J. A Ramsay	Mill Bridge.
16.	E. F. Rockwell	Cool Spring.
17.	J. Rumple	Salisbury.
18.	J. H. Thornwell	Concord.
19.	T. G. Thurston	Taylorsville.
20.	J. M. Wharey	Harrisburg.
21.	P. P. Winn	Lenoir.
22.	W. A. Wood	Statesville.

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1.	Hector McLean	Melrose.
2.	James P. McPherson	Fayetteville.
3.	Neill McKay, D. D	Summerville.
4.	Andrew McMillan	Rockingham.
5.	C. M. Shepperson, D. D	Red Banks.
6.	D. D. McBryde	Little River Academy.
7.	Martin McQueen	Carthage.
8.	Joseph Evans	St. Paul's.
9.	James McQueen	Swann's Station.
10.	N. T. Bowden	Morven.
11.	Archibald McQueen	Shoe Heel.
12.	John H. Coble	Laurinburg.
13.	H. G. Hill	Fayetteville.
14.	David Fairley	Manchester.
15.	A. N. Ferguson	Laurinburg.
16.	K. M. McIntyre	Butler's Ford.
17.	William S. Lacy	Jonesborough.
18.	Daniel A. McRae	Melrose.

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1.	Duncan B. Black	Burgaw.
2.	Colin Shaw	Black River Chapel.
3.	James M. Sprunt, D. D	Kenansville.
4	B. F. Marable	Goldsborough.
5.	S. H. Isler	Kinston.
6.	James Kelly	(Unknown.)
7.	N. Z Graves	Warrenton.
8.	A. McFadyen	Elizabethtown.
9.	A. Kirkland	Teachey's.
10.	Joseph R. Wilson, D. D	Wilmington.
11.	C. M. Payne	"
12.	G. W. McMillan	"
13.	K. McDonald	Black River Chapel.
14.	H. B. Garriss	Whiteville.
15.	Robert Hett Chapman, D. D	Goldsborough.

ROLL OF MINISTERS—CONTINUED.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1.	Robert H. Morrison, D. D.	Cottage Home.
2.	James E. Morrison	Morven.
3.	James D. Hall	Garibaldi.
4.	John Douglas	Charlotte.
5.	William N. Morrison	Asheville.
6.	L. R. McAboy, D. D.	Lynn.
7.	William Graves	Mills River.
8.	Walter W. Pharr	Alexandriana.
9.	A. W. Miller, D. D.	Charlotte.
10.	William B. Corbett	Pleasant Ridge.
11.	D. T. Towles	Crab Tree.
12.	G. D. Parks	Charlotte.
13	S Taylor Martin	Hendersonville.
14.	E. H. Harding	Charlotte.
15.	Samuel C. Alexander	Wadesborough.
16.	R. Z. Johnston	Lincolnton
17.	William McDonald	Charlotte.
18.	John J. Kennedy	Gastonia.
19.	J. F. Latimer	Davidson College.
20.	William H. Davis	Davidson River.
21.	William E. McIlwaine	Huntersville.
22.	S. H. Chester	Lowesville.
23.	G. S. Robinson	Pineville.
24.	R. A. Miller	Monroe.
25.	W. W. McGilvary	Rutherfordton.
26.	G. L. Cook	Paw Creek.
27.	J. P. Gammon	Asheville.
28.	M. R Kirkpatrick	Franklin.

DOCKET

OF THE SIXTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE HELD IN STATESVILLE, N. C., ON WEDNESDAY, THE 22D DAY OF OCTOBER, 1879, AT 7½ O'CLOCK, P M.

1. Prayer.
2. Roll call.
3. Moderator chosen.
4. Temporary Clerks chosen.
5. Minutes of the last Meeting of Synod read.
6. Excuses for absence from last Meeting of Synod called for.

LIST OF THOSE ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE RENDERED.

Orange Presbytery.—Ministers—George W. Ferrill, Thomas U. Faucette, D. E. Jordan, C. N. Morrow, C. H. Wiley, W. B. Tidball, H. B. Pratt, W. A. Shaw, C. Miller, T. J. Allison, W. R. Atkinson and Roger Martin.

Concord Presbytery.—Ministers—A. L. Crawford, John W. Davis, G. M. Gibbs, L. K. Glasgow, A. D. Hepburn, D. D.; T. P. Johnston, Daniel Lindley, J. H. Thornwell and T. G. Thurston.

Fayetteville Presbytery.—Ministers—Neill McKay, D. D.; A. McMillan, C. M. Shepperson, D. D.; D. D. McBryde, James McQueen, N. T. Bowden, Archibald McQueen, John H. Coble, David Fairley and K. M. McIntye.

Wilmington Presbytery.—Ministers—James Kelly and N. Z. Graves.

Mecklenburg Presbytery.—Ministers.—R. H. Morrison, D. D.; J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, W. N. Morrison, L. R. McAboy, D. D.; William Graves, A. W. Miller, D. D.; W. B. Corbett, D. T. Towles, G. D. Parks, S. T. Martin, S. C. Alexander, J. F. Latimer, William H. Davis, S. H. Chester, G. S. Robinson, William M. McGilvary, G. L. Cook, J. P. Gammon and M. R. Kirkpatrick.

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7 Standing Committees announced.

1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Committee.
3. Address to the Churches on the State of Religion.
4. Minutes of the General Assembly.
5. Union Theological Seminary.
6. Treasurer's Books.
7. Report of the Trustees of Synod.
8. Devotional Exercises.
9. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries. (Rule 24.)
10. Leave of Absence.

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8. Committees to Review Records of Presbyteries announced.

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

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9 Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries read and referred. (Rule 24.)

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

10. Narratives of the State of Religion read and referred.
    1. Orange.
    2. Concord.
    3. Fayetteville.
    4. Wilmington.
    5. Mecklenburg.

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11. Report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary, read and referred.

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12. Appointment of Directors of Union Theological Seminary, referred.

[*Note.*—The term of office of the Fourth Class expires at this meeting of the Synod, viz.: Rev. J. P. McPherson, Rev. Walter W. Pharr and Mr. — Murdock, Ruling Elder.]

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13. Reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Benevolence, read and filed.
    1. Orange.
    2. Concord.
    3. Fayetteville.
    4. Wilmington.
    5. Mecklenburg.

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14. Report of the Trustees of Synod (Col. John E. Brown, Chairman), read and referred.

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15. Trustees appointed.

[*Note.*—The term of office of the Trustees of Synod expires at this Meeting of the Synod. They are as follows: Col. John E. Brown, Chairman, Charlotte, N. C.; Col. J. B. Rankin, Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. J. L. Brown, Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. T. H. Brem, Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. J. H. Welbourne, Lexington, N. C.; Mr. D. F. Cannon, Concord, N. C.]

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16. Report of the Treasurer of Synod (Mr. J. H. Lindsay), read and referred.

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17. Reports of the Synodical Agents, read.
    1. Sustentation—Rev. H. G. Hill.
    2. Education—Rev. L. McKinnon.
    3. Publication—Rev. F. H. Johnston.
    4. Foreign Missions—Rev. R. Z. Johnston.
    5. Sabbath Schools—Rev. L. C. Vass.

18. Reports of Special Committees appointed at last Meeting of Synod to report at this meeting.

1. "As to what can be done to promote the greater efficiency of Evangelistic Work in our bounds"—Rev. B. F. Marable, Chairman.

2. "As to the Education of a Coloured Ministry"—Rev. H. G. Hill, Chairman.

19. Synodical Missionary meeting, on Friday night, as provided for by Rule 27.

20. Time and Place of the next Meeting of Synod chosen.

21. How many copies of the Minutes shall be published?

22. Statistical Report of the Synod to the General Assembly adopted.

23. Roll called before final adjournment. (Rule 4.)

24. Minutes read and approved.

25. Adjournment, with Singing, Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.